

17 Characteristics of a Welcoming Community

CK LIP is using the following indicators to track activities to increase Chatham-Kent's welcome-ability.

1. Employment opportunities
2. Fostering of social capital
3. Affordable and suitable housing
4. Positive attitudes toward immigrants, cultural diversity, and the presence of newcomers in the community
5. Presence of newcomer-serving agencies that can successfully meet the needs of newcomers
6. Links between main actors working toward welcoming communities
7. Municipal features and services sensitive to the presence and needs of newcomers
8. Educational opportunities
9. Accessible and suitable health care
10. Available and accessible public transit
11. Presence of diverse religious organizations
12. Social engagement opportunities
13. Political participation opportunities
14. Positive relationships with the police and the justice system
15. Safety
16. Opportunities for use of public space and recreation facilities
17. Favourable media coverage and representation

Source: [Characteristics of a Welcoming Community - Pathways to Prosperity Canada](#)

Source: [Chatham-Kent Local Immigration Partnership Recommendations for Future Practice - CK LIP](#)